

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Edwin Southern :  
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Filed February 6, 2004 : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_0200

ANALYSING POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES  
**(Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/422,803,  
Filed October 22, 1999)**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**Prior to calculating the filing fee**, please amend the above-identified application as follows: